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In re Application of )  
MALSKORN, ET AL. ) Examiner: To be assigned  
Serial No. 10/824,640 ) Art Unit: 3727  
Filed: 04/15/2004 ) Atty. Dkt. No. 26202.210  
For: TANK CLOSURE )

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Sir:

**SUBMISSION OF MISSING PARTS**

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application  
Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) mailed June 25, 2004 (copy attached), enclosed are the  
following:

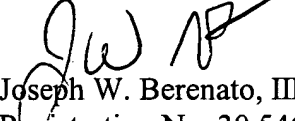
- 1) Declaration for Patent Application referencing the application entitled  
TANK CLOSURE; and
- 2) Power of Attorney.

The undersigned attorney of record asserts that the application filed in the Patent  
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Oath or Declaration .

A check in the amount of \$940.00 to cover the costs of the filing fee (\$770), and  
surcharge (\$130) is enclosed. If any additional fees are due, please debit Account No.  
50-0548 and notify the undersigned.

In view of the above, the applicant respectfully submits that all documents necessary for perfecting the filing date of April 15, 2004 have been filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

**FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

*Filing Date Granted*

**Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.75(h) and 1.121 is required.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

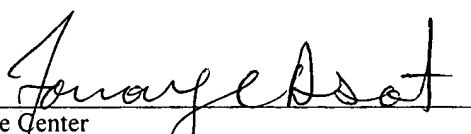
Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$900** for a Large Entity

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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